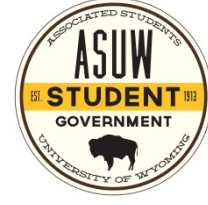




## Official Opinion of the ASUW Judicial Council



Majority Opinion handed down on April 10, 2019 by Chief Justice Richardson:

Justices Bergman, Bellamy, Stromberg, Pauling, and Vinluan concurring:

Justice Fried did not take part in this decision.

### **Request for interpretation: ASUW Finance Policy, Article III, Section 3.11, Clause 1**

#### Question

On March 16, 2019 the Judicial Council received a request to interpret ASUW Finance Policy, Article III, Section 3.11, Subsection 1, Clause C by Robert Cloud. The policy in question reads “Alcohol may not be publicized/promoted on an ASUW supported flyer/poster.” Mr. Cloud posed the following questions to the Judicial Council:

- 1) If The Still, a local business in town, wanted to sponsor an event, could their logo be included in the advertisements?
- 2) Does it matter if the event sponsored does not specifically promote alcohol, even though the establishment’s primary good is alcohol?

In full consensus of the Justices present, the Judicial Council’s official interpretation is that The Still may not obtain ASUW sanctioned posters or fliers because publication of such posters would theoretically display its logo—a moonshine still. Even if that is not the case, the justices also considered the establishment’s primary source of revenue—alcohol—and concurred that it would amount to an overt promotion or publicization of alcohol by ASUW. The Judicial Council relied heavily on the plain language of the clause to be interpreted. This opinion should only be interpreted in reference to posters and fliers that are explicitly sanctioned by ASUW.